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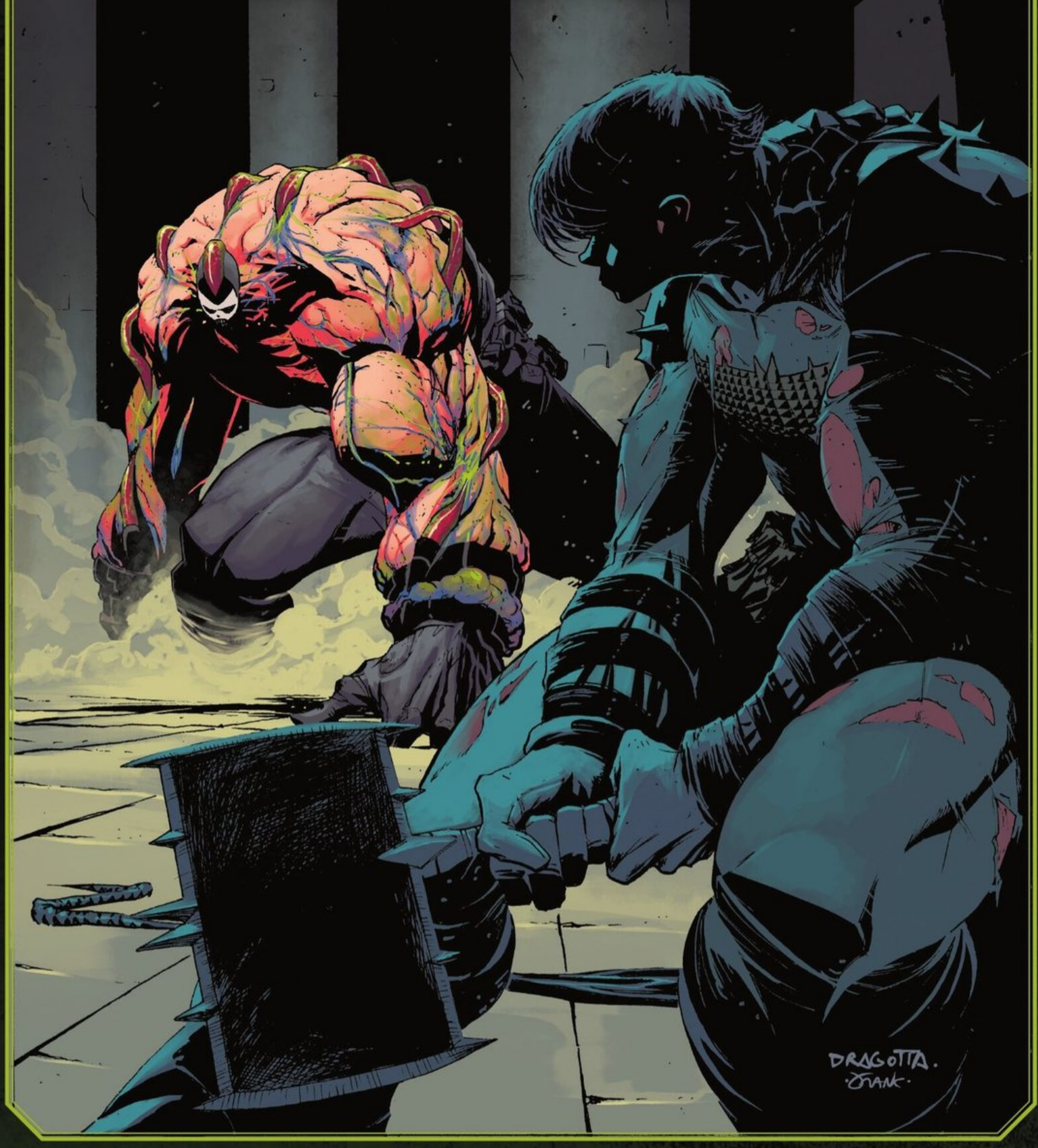

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WHITEFISH, MONTANA.

<THE TRAIL HAS LED ME *WEST.*>*

<THOUGH I NOW BELIEVE THERE MAY BE *OTHERS* ON THIS HUNT...>

*TRANSLATED FROM TIBETAN.

SWORD #1
1.5 MILES FROM BATGIRL.

<MAY THE FIRST *SWORD* TO REACH THE *BATGIRL* CLAIM HER HEAD.>

<MY *ASCENSION* AWAITS.>

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BATGIRL
THE THREE SWORDS
PART 1 OF 3

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SWORD #2
30,000 FT. ABOVE BATGIRL.

<QUIT *BORING* ME, COUSIN. I READ THE BRIEFING.>*

<I *TOUCH DOWN* WITHIN THE HOUR. THEN THE BATGIRL'S *SOUL* SHALL BE OURS. PITY *ANYONE* WHO GETS IN MY WAY.>

<NOW WILL *SOMEBODY* TURN ON THE BLOODY *AIR CON?*>

*TRANSLATED FROM MANDARIN.

SWORD #3
10 MILES FROM BATGIRL.

YOU HAVE MY *WORD*. I WILL NEVER LET YOU DOWN.

THE BATGIRL'S *HEART* IS MINE ALONE.

DRAGON RANCH.

"IT WASN'T MEANT TO BE LIKE THIS.

whap

THNK

"STORY WENT, THERE'D BE **TWO** OF US. HELL, MAYBE EVEN **FOUR**...

"...RIGHT 'TIL THE **END.**

"GUESS NOT ALL STORIES FINISH HOW WE THINK.

"THOUGH SOMETIMES I WONDER WHERE MINE GOT **LOST** ALONG THE WAY.

CUZ NOW IT'S JUS' **ME.**

AT THE **END** OF THE $%#@*!€ WORLD...

...WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED, **RICHIE?**

WHERE'D YA HAVE TO GO...?

BRONZE TIGER...

...LADY SHIVA IS DEAD.

HER **FINAL WORDS** SENT ME TO **YOU,** BENJAMIN TURNER.

TELL ME.

WHAT IS THE **JADE TIGER?**

MAY AS WELL C'MON IN, CASSIE.

I'LL PUT ON THE KETTLE.

EYES. POSTURE. **EVASION.**

COFFEE?

TEA?

YOU ARE NOT SURPRISED.

TONE. MOBILITY. COVER UP.

ABOUT?

DINO CRUNCH

JAB.

MY MOTHER IS **DEAD.**

YOUR MOTHER IS A LOT OF THINGS.

PARRY.

CROSS.

WHAT IS...

...THE **JADE TIGER?**

ONCE UPON A TIME, I KNEW YOUR MOTHER ***REAL WELL,*** CASSIE.

KNEW HER SISTER, ***CAROLYN,*** EVEN BETTER.

I KNOW.

THE THREE OF US AND ***RICHARD DRAGON*** WERE HEROES, ONCE. ***TOGETHER.***

WE THOUGHT WE COULD CHANGE THE WORLD WITH OUR ***FISTS***...WITH THE BODIES WE'D TRAINED TO OUR ***LIMITS.***

WE DIDN'T.

CAROLYN ***DIED.*** YOUR MOTHER... ***CHANGED.***

OL' RICHIE ***ABANDONED*** HIMSELF. AND I...

WELL, I REACHED THOSE ***LIMITS,*** AN' THEY BROKE ME. I FELL ***FURTHER*** THAN ANYONE.

WORLD CHANGED, YEAH, FOR THE ***WORSE.***

AN' WHAT'D WE HAVE TO SHOW FOR IT?

I DON'T MOURN THE LOSS OF ***LADY SHIVA,*** CASSANDRA.

I MOURN THE DEATH OF ***SANDRA WU-SAN.*** BUT SHE DIED LONG AGO, AND ***SHE*** WAS ***NEVER*** YOUR MOTHER.

MY MOTHER WAS ***WU MING-YUE...*** LONG BEFORE SHE WAS ***SANDRA.***

FOUND HER SISTER'S ***CORPSE.***

MY MOTHER SAW HER ***PARENTS*** KILLED. WATCHED HER ***VILLAGE*** BURN.

LADY SHIVA WAS ***FORGED...*** BY HER ***SUFFERING.***

HER WORLD WAS ***ALWAYS*** WORSE.

BUT IN THE END... MY MOTHER ***CHOSE*** TO SAVE ***ME.***

HER ONLY ***CHILD.***

HER ***SUFFERING...***

...IS NOW ***MY*** SUFFERING.

SHE SENT ME HERE.

I DON'T NEED A ***REASON*** TO FIGHT. NEVER HAVE. I CAME TO YOU...FOR ***ANSWERS.*** DIRECTION!

BUT THIS WAS FOOLISH. ***LOOK*** AT YOU. SAD. ALONE. ***DISPLACED.***

DON'T GO DOWN THIS PATH, CASSIE.
WHAT PATH?
VENGEANCE ONLY KILLS.
THERE'S NO LIFE IN THAT.
WHAT LIFE?
DON'T GO LOOKIN' FOR A REASON TO KEEP FIGHTIN', TO RETURN TO OLD HABITS.
WANT ADVICE INSTEAD OF COFFEE?
RETURN TO GOTHAM, TO YOUR FAMILY OF BATS, BEFORE THOSE FISTS GET ANY BLOODIER AND THE WORLD GETS WORSE.
YOU STARTED ME ON THIS PATH. YOU TAUGHT ME DEATH.
THE BRONZE TIGER HELPED DAVID CAIN RAISE A MONSTER--
"--YOU HELPED THE MAN WHO KILLED CAROLYN RAISE ANOTHER KILLER!"
"YOU KNOW THAT WASN'T ME, CASS...NOT REALLY."*
*BEN WAS BRAINWASHED BY THE LEAGUE OF ASSASSINS AND BECAME ONE OF THE MOST FEARED ASSASSINS TRAINING CASS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE.-JB
IT'S YOUR FACE I REMEMBER. YOUR FISTS I FEEL.
WE WERE BOTH BRAINWASHED. ONLY I AM STILL ATONING FOR IT.
I TRIED.
SAVED THE WORLD A FEW MORE TIMES. EVEN TAUGHT SOME KIDS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. WORLD'S STILL TRYIN' TO END. KIDS'RE STILL DYING.
NIGHTMARES NEVER END.
WE DO THIS...
...BECAUSE OF THE NIGHTMARES.

ALL MY FRIENDS ARE DEAD 'N' GONE. NEARLY DIED MYSELF A COUPLE WEEKS BACK.

IT'S WHY I SHUTTERED MY DOJO. LEFT ***DETROIT*** FOR THE HILLS.

QUIT THE GAME BEFORE THE ***GAME*** KILLED ME, TOO...

I GOT OTHER THINGS TO LIVE FOR.

EVADE.

COWARD.

YOU HAVE SKILLS TO ***HELP.*** TO MAKE A ***DIFFERENCE.***

FWEEEEEE

WHAT I KEEP SAYIN', CASSIE? ONLY DIFFERENCE IT EVER MAKES IS FOR THE WORSE.

WHY DID MY MOTHER ***SEND*** ME HERE? TO ***YOU?***

NO IDEA.

COVER UP.

YOU ARE ***HIDING*** SOMETHING!

AVERT.

HEY!

PULSE.

WHO ***ELSE*** LIVES HERE?

QUIT TALKIN' NONSENSE AND ***GET!***

SWEAT.

CAN'T YOU ***SEE?!***

FWEEE

LADY SHIVA SENT YOU ON A ***FOOL'S ERRAND!***

EVEN IN ***DEATH--***

FWEEEEE

--YOUR ***MOTHER*** WANTS TO RUN YOUR ***LIFE!***

KRAK

YOU WERE ONCE A *GREAT* WARRIOR!

ONE OF THE *BEST.*

NOW... YOU *HIDE?* CHOOSE TO DO *NOTHING?*

I *REFUSE* TO HIDE!

TO KEEP *RUNNING!*

KraSh

IT'S LIFE OR DEATH, CASSIE.

FIGHT ME!

YOUR MOTHER JUST DIED!

YOU AVERT YOUR EYES!

YOU'RE ANGRY.

YOU ARE MOURNING A COMPLICATED WOMAN!

CAROTID ARTERIES PULSE!

JUST BREATHE! I AIN'T YOUR ENEMY!

WIPE SWEATY PALMS--

--WHEN I ASK THE QUESTION YOU AVOID!

KRAK

THE REASON MY MOTHER SENT ME HERE!

WHAT IS--

--THE JADE TIGER?!

HEY!

WHO...?

I DON'T KNOW ***WHO*** YOU THINK YOU ARE, BUT MY ***DAD*** HAS NEVER HURT ***ANYBODY.***

SO YOU BETTER TURN AROUND QUICK AND ***LEAVE*** BEFORE THE ***JADE TIGER*** MAKES YOU MOVE!

TENJ--

JADE TIGER, I-I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN THE MOUNTAINS...

EYES. FOCUSED.

DON'T SWEAT IT, POPS. THIS IS WHAT YOU TRAINED ME FOR, RIGHT?

TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT.

BREATHING. STABLE.

YOU...

...ARE THE JADE TIGER?

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT!

AND I'M ONLY GONNA ASK YOU NICELY ONE LAST--

HE KNOWS NOTHING.

WHO YOU ARE. THINGS YOU'VE DONE. YOUR SON THINKS YOU'RE INNOCENT.

THE BRONZE TIGER IS NOT INNOCENT.

THAT'S IT. LAST STRIKE, LADY.

SON...THE BATGIRL MAY BE THE WORLD'S GREATEST LIVING FIGHTER.

SICK.

BRING IT ON.

UFF!

KRAASA

HEH.

NOT BAD!

WHOA!

EVEN BETTER.

MAN.

THIS IS FUN!

SO WHAT'S WITH THE BAT GETUP?

YOU SOME TYPE O'CAVE NINJA?

TALK TOO MUCH.

HAH!

HIS TRAINING...

...I CAN READ IT IN HIS FORM.

BRONZE TIGER.

RICHARD DRAGON.

...LADY SHIVA?

HOW DO YOU KNOW LADY SHIVA?!

KRAK

PAK

POW

KRAK

PAK

POW

HOW...
...DO YOU KNOW...
...MY MOTHER?

...CASSANDRA?

TENJI--
--DON'T!

WHAT...?
WHO?
CASSANDRA CAIN?
IS IT REALLY YOU?

MY NAME'S **TENJI TURNER.**

I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG, **LONG** TIME TO MEET YOU, CASSANDRA. Y'SEE, I'M THE **SON** OF THE WORLD'S TWO GREATEST **HEROES--**

--THE BRONZE TIGER...

...AND LADY SHIVA.

I'M YOUR **BROTHER,** CASSIE.

WHAT?

I SAID--

--I'M YOUR BROTHER, CASSIE!

NO.

I EVADE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NO"?! I'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT YOU, SIS!

I TRAINED SO HARD KNOWING HOW GOOD YOU ARE.

MY DAD ALWAYS SAID, "CASSANDRA CAIN IS THE BEST THERE IS."

I COVER UP.

NO.

I'VE PRACTICED DAY AND NIGHT FOR YOU, AND WHILE I MIGHT'VE BEEN CAUGHT OFF GUARD TODAY--

STOP.

--OUR MOM WANTED ME READY FOR THE DAY WE'D MEET!

I JAB.

NO!

BATGIRL!

I HAVE ARRIVED, AT LAST...

SWORD #1

NORBU

THE UNTESTED

...THE LINE OF *SHIVA* ENDS TODAY. I WILL KILL--

--THE BATGIRL!

CLAN: THE UNBURIED

WEAPON: TIBETAN BROADSWORD

FINISHER: BLUE BLOSSOM OMNISTRIKE

OH.

WORD?

TO BE CONTINUED...

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FROM THE SHADOWS OF THE GILDED AGE, A NEW TEAM RISES

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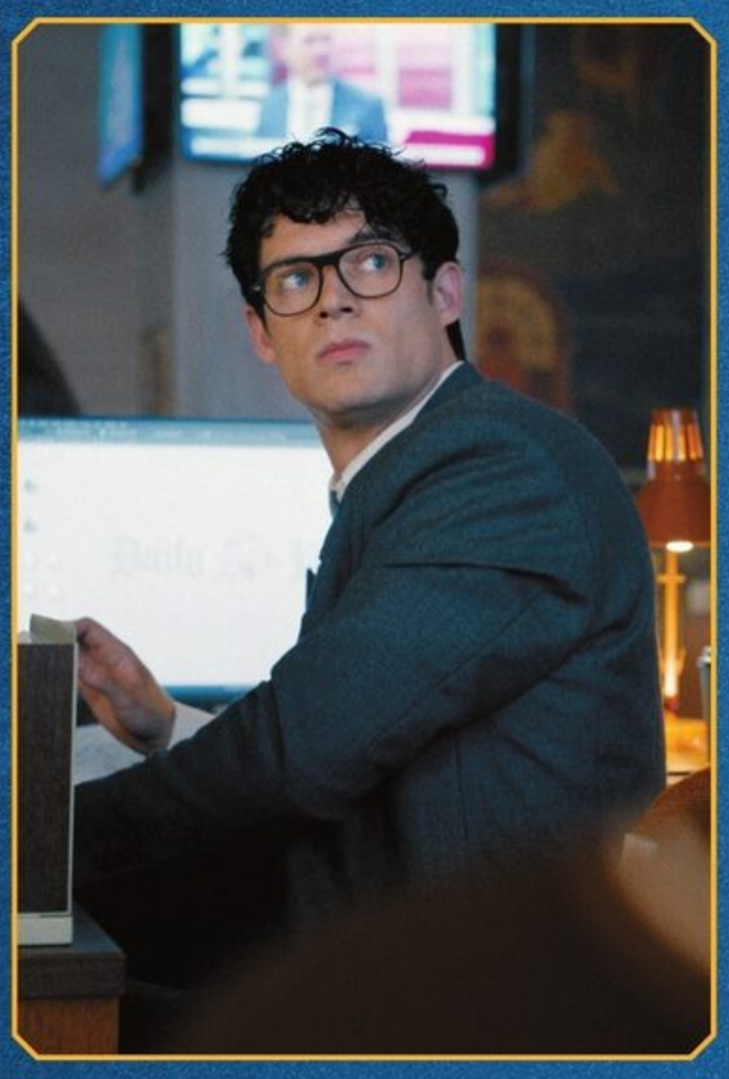
INTERVIEW WITH DAVID CORENSWET & RACHEL BROSNAHAN

What makes the relationship between Clark Kent and Lois Lane special?

Rachel Brosnahan: One of the things that I love about the two of them is they really are two sides of the same coin. They're after the same thing. They both believe in the power of goodness and believe that people are capable of it and that there's goodness in the world. So they're both hopeful by nature, but they have really different ways of pursuing truth and justice and different ways of making the world a better place.



Where do we find Superman when the film begins?

David Corenswet: Superman is already living in Metropolis he's established as a superhero, and people know who he is. And as Clark Kent, he's working for the *Daily Planet*. He's in the nascence of his journalistic career, but we meet him on the day of his first front-page article.

Rachel, what are you excited for audiences to see in this film?

Brosnahan: It's an opportunity to introduce a new generation of fans to these iconic characters and maybe a couple they didn't know before. I wasn't as familiar with Metamorpho, for example, but he's a great character.

The comic books feel hopeful, and it feels important that we're able to create that kind of hope on screen. Superman is a guy who is filled with hope and who loves saving people, because he believes it's the right thing to do. So hopefully, this is fun and entertaining and aspirational and inspiring.

David, what was it like figuring out the interplay between Clark and Superman?

Corenswet: I think one of the unique things about Superman as a superhero is that his reason for having an alter ego is slightly different from other classic heroes, he wants his superhero persona to be more of an abstract symbol, and he wants to keep his personal life separate so that he protects the people he loves.

The reason James and I have discussed in this iteration for him having an alter ego is his love of humanity. I sort of feel like Superman could get away with not having an alter ego—it's not a character he plays.

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